

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: Edgewood Post Office Inventory Number: HA-1672
Address: 2125 Old Edgewood Road City: Edgewood Zip Code: 21040
County: Harford USGS Topographic Map: Edgewood, MD
Owner: Harford County, Maryland Is the property being evaluated a district? ☐ yes
Tax Parcel Number: 438 Tax Map Number: 66 Tax Account ID Number: 1-024531
Project: Edgewood MARC Station Site Assessment Agency: Maryland Transit Administration
Site visit by MHT staff: ☒ no ☐ yes Name: _____ Date: _____
Is the property located within a historic district? ☐ yes ☒ no

If the property is within a district District Inventory Number: _____
NR-listed district ☐ yes Eligible district ☐ yes Name of District: _____
Preparer's Recommendation: Contributing resource ☐ yes ☐ no Non-contributing but eligible in another context ☐ yes

If the property is not within a district (or the property is a district) Preparer's Recommendation: Eligible ☐ yes ☒ no

Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Phase I Architectural Resources Survey-Edgewood MARC Station Site Assessment

Description of Property and Eligibility Determination: *(Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map and photo)*

A small, simple post office building of the 1930s, it has suffered from lack of recent use. Although historically a gathering place for the local community, the building is neither architecturally nor historically significant. Therefore, it appears ineligible under each of the four National Register criteria.

Prepared by: Douglas C. McVarish

Date Prepared: 4/18/02

MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST REVIEW

Eligibility recommended ☐ Eligibility not recommended ☒
Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D Considerations: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ None

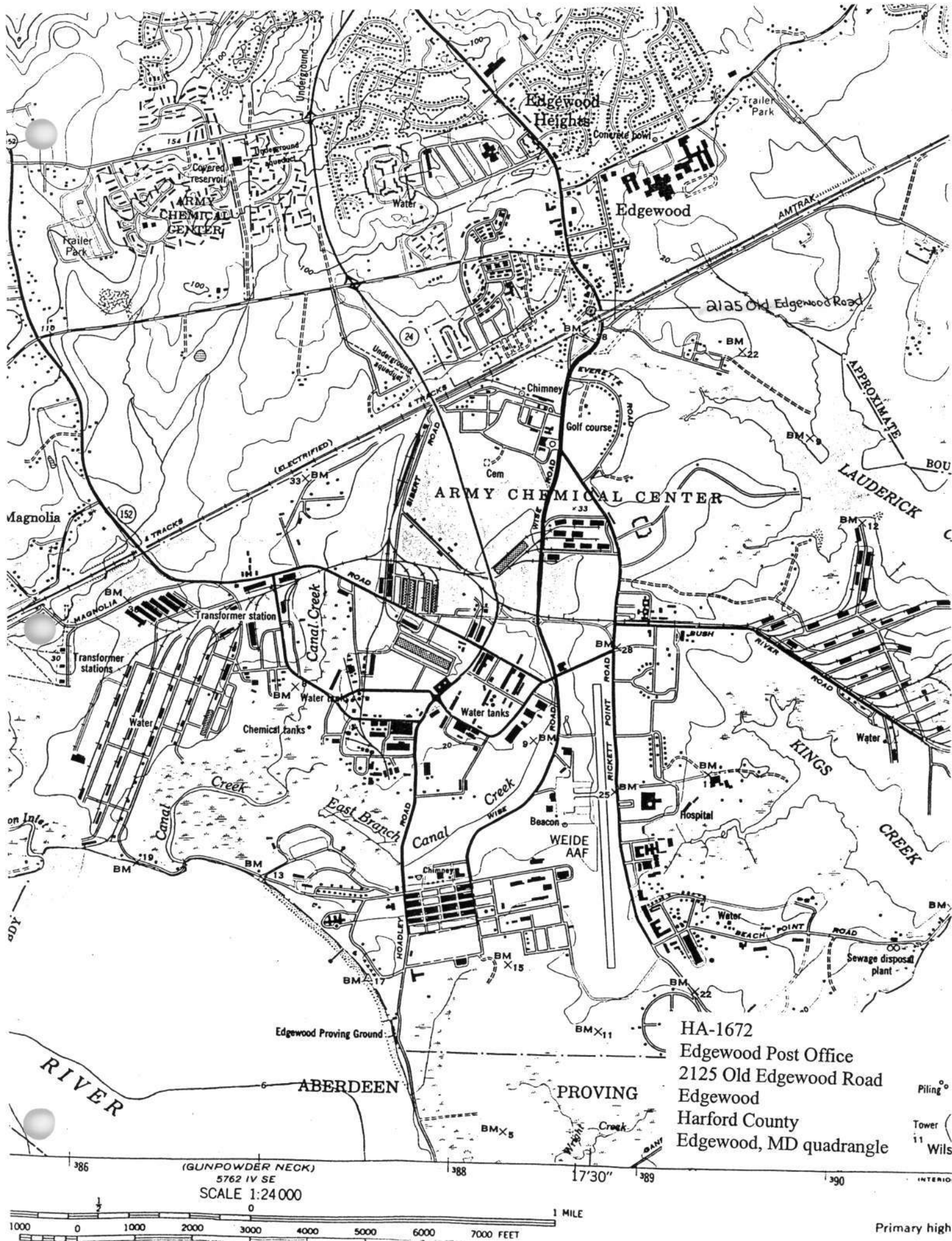
MHT Comments

Loss of integrity

Andrew Lewis ✓
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

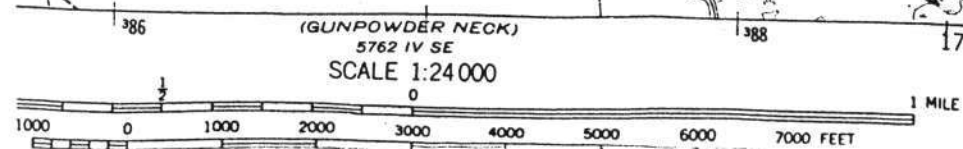
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Reviewer, NR Program

07/15/02
8/9/02
Date
Date



HA-1672
 Edgewood Post Office
 2125 Old Edgewood Road
 Edgewood
 Harford County
 Edgewood, MD quadrangle

Piling
 Tower
 Willows



Primary high

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. HA-1672

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Edgewood Post Office

2. Location

street & number 2125 Old Edgewood Road ☐ not for publication

city, town Edgewood ☐ vicinity of congressional district

state Maryland county Harford

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> in process	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> other: vacant

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Kathryn E. Evering & Michael J. Loughlin

street & number 2131 Old Edgewood Road telephone no.: 410-679-0050

city, town Edgewood state and zip code Maryland 21040

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Harford County Courthouse liber 1169

street & number 40 South Main Street folio 326

city, town Bel Air state Maryland

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☐ good
☒ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The former Edgewood Post Office is a rectangular, cross gable-roofed, concrete block building located on the southeast side of Old Edgewood Road adjoining the north parking area of the Edgewood MARC station. The building is four bays wide and three bays deep. The building has a concrete foundation. The roof junction is marked by a boxed cornice, and the pedimented gables are sheathed in flush, wood boards. The roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles.

The main entry to the building is centered in the gabled front section of the north facade. This three-light, three-panel door adjoins a concrete stoop with metal pipe railing. A second entry, filled by paired metal doors, is located near the south end of the west wall of the building. Flanking the front door are large rectangular window openings. The right window opening has an eight light transom in its upper sash. The remainder of the window is boarded over. The left window is completely boarded over. The remaining windows, many of which are boarded over, consist of paired and single, one over one, double hung sash windows. Lunette wood louvers are centered in the gable peaks.

The majority of the walls of the building are constructed of concrete blocks molded to resemble quarry- faced ashlar blocks. The corners of the building, consisting of concrete blocks to resemble quoins, are smooth finished.

The building is presently vacant and its fair condition results from lack of maintenance. Overgrown shrubs and ivy adjoin the walls of the building.

8. Significance

Survey No. HA-1672

Period	Areas of Significance--Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistory	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	1933	Builder/Architect
check:	Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
	and/or	
	Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
	Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This building served as the Edgewood Post Office from its completion in 1939 until the opening of the present post office on Hanson Road. The relocation of the post office recognized the relocation of the business and residential center of Edgewood from its original site near the railroad to its present location about .8 miles north. Vacant in recent years, the building has suffered some exterior deterioration.

The site of the post office was purchased by John C. and Mary E. Frasch in 1933 from the Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington Railroad for \$300. The deed specified that the 3,500 square foot parcel was to be used as the site of the post office, and that the railroad could not be held liable for any accident resulting from use of the grade crossing located nearby (Harford County Deed Book 253:344, November 19, 1938).

In 1966, John C. Frasch, then a widower, sold the 3,500 square foot lot containing the building to Charles V. and Adalene A. Spalding and Albert P. and Lucille P. Close for ten dollars and other good and valuable considerations (Harford County Deed Book 705:588, March 31, 1966). In 1980, the Spaldings and the Closes sold the property for Floyd V. Cockran for \$17,100 (Harford County Deed Book 1133:563, November 28, 1980). Two years later, W. Gary Gray, trustee, sold the property to its present owners, Michael J. Loughlin and Kathryn E. Evering for \$20,000 (Harford County Deed Book 1169:326, August 21, 1982).

The post office is a small, utilitarian governmental building of the 1930s, given character by the use of rusticated concrete block and contrasting smooth-faced, false quoins. Although probably handsome when initially completed, the building cannot be said to embody the distinctive characteristics of a particular period or style of architecture. In addition, although it was a gathering place for the community, the building is not significant for associations with any individual or event prominent in the history of the local community. Therefore, the building lacks both architectural and historical significance and is recommended not eligible for the National Register.

9. Major Bibliographical Reference

Survey No. HA-1672

Harford County Deed Books. Office of the County Clerk. Harford County Courthouse. Bel Air, Maryland.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property .08

Quadrangle name Edgewood, MD

Quadrangle scale 1:24,000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

B  **Zone Easting Northing**

c

D

E

F 

G

H

Verbal boundary description and justification

Map 66, Parcel 438. This boundary corresponds to those to which the owers hold title.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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city or town Philadelphia state PA

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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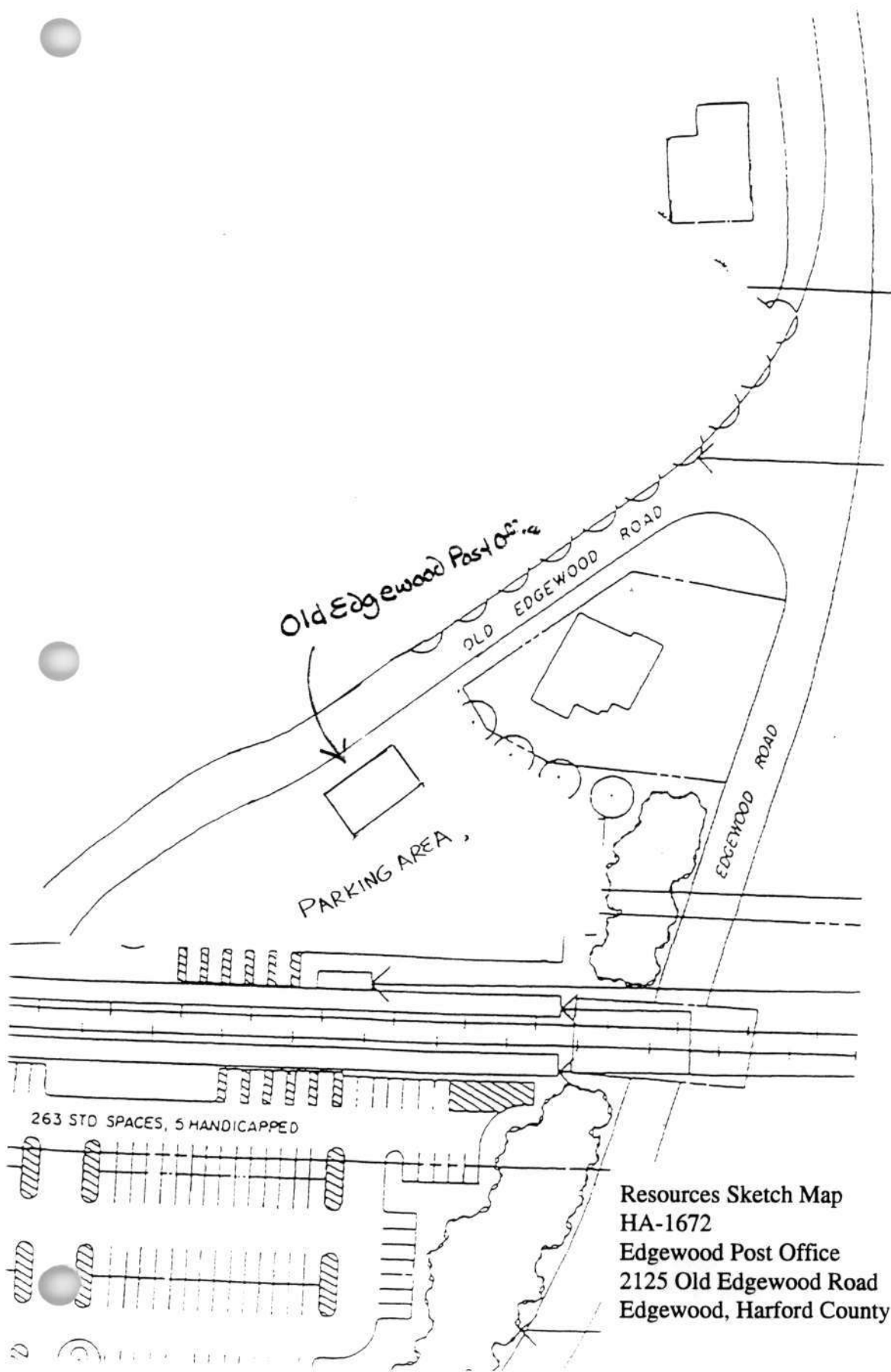
Continuation Sheet

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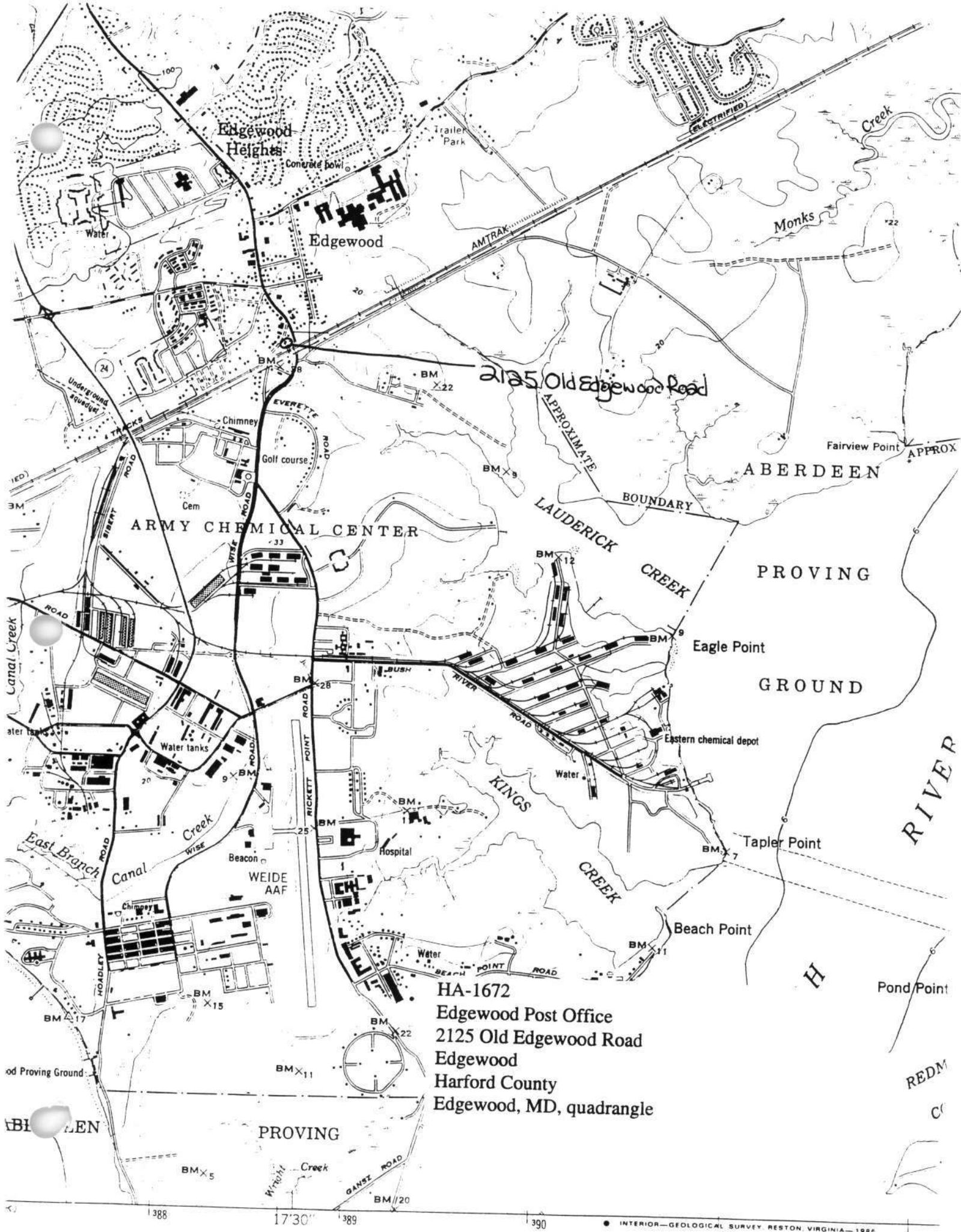
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County Harford

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Resources Sketch Map
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Edgewood, Harford County



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Harford County
Edgewood, MD, quadrangle



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Edgewood Post Office

Harford County, Maryland

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NW facade & NE side of post office

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SE & SW sides of post office

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